PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 3161) MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES PROGRAMS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2008, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

JULY 27, 2007.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. McGovern, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 581]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 581, by a record vote of 9 to 0, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3161) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, under an open rule. The resolution provides for one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The resolution waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. During consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the Congressional Record. The resolution provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the resolution permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill in the House, to postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker.

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of the bill (except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI) includes a waiver of clause 4(c) of rule XIII requiring the three-day availability of printed hearings on a general appropriations bill.

The waiver of clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) against provisions in the bill is included because the bill contains unauthorized appropriations and legislative provisions.

COMMITTEE VOTES

The results of each record vote on an amendment or motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and against, are printed below:

Rules Committee record vote No. 271

Date: July 27, 2007. Measure: H.R. 3161.

Motion by: Mr. McGovern. Summary of motion: To report the rule. Results: Adopted 9–0.

Vote by Members: McGovern—Yea; Matsui—Yea; Cardoza—Yea; Welch—Yea; Arcuri—Yea; Sutton—Yea; Dreier—Yea; Hastings (WA)—Yea; Slaughter—Yea.

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